

## Letter from Alexander Melville Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, June 13, 1880, with transcript

Tutelo Heights, Brantford, Ont., Can., June 13th, 1880. (Noenvelope) My dear Al.,

It is a treat to get a letter of your very own. I am delighted to hear of the progress you have made with the P-ph. The blundering displayed in advance of your announcement, is very amusing and suggestive. You will have an instant, world-wide publicity given to your invention. I would like to be in Boston at the reading of the inaugural papers. You say nothing of the scheme for sectional annunciators for the A. A. A. S. I hope you have succeeded in this also. Before entering on a new field of labour, you will be wise to take a good rest— a dolce for niente— lolling on the grass here. It is a pity to defer Mabel's visit till after the Boston meeting. Why not let Mabel and the children come here at an early date and be joined by you direct from Boston? If you decide on this, I shall go to Washington to escort them at any time you may appoint. I do not understand what the N. B. Tel. Co. are doing in reference to Canadian business. A meeting of "shareholders" was called in Toronto lately. I went but was not admitted. The "meeting" consisted of, apparently three parties, Mr. Sise, Mr. Baker and a Montreal friend of Mr. Sise's. I do not like such bogus proceedings. As a matter of fact there were no shareholders, but the N. B. Tel. Co., Mr. Williams and 2 myself; and even now there has been no issue of shares to the public. Was it not strange that such a meeting should be called and that I should be excluded! Mamma and your Uncle and Aunt went with me to Toronto and we had an enjoyable little holiday. Liar and her children are still here. She will I fancy, leave about the first of July. Dr. Cheer is in Winnipeg. Lillie is at her Father's still. Her husband has just returned from Ottawa. He has not yet obtained any permanent post. I fear that will be a difficult matter under the circumstances. Laurie, your cousins and Mamma all join me in love to yourself, Mabel and the children.

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By the way, what is baby's name? I hope Charley was better when you saw him last.  
Success to the P-ph!

Your affectionate father, Alex. Melville Bell.